GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT – Haj Pilgrims – A Scheme for financial assistance to the Haj Pilgrims for other Haj expenses other than travel expenditure and framing detailed guidelines as part of the scheme – Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (IDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.75 **Dt:19/11/2019**

Read the following:-

1. Note received from Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, CMO No.60/Secy-CM(Peshi)/2009, dt.10.07.2019.
2. Letter from the Executive Officer, A.P. Haj Committee, Vijayawada, F.No.CS/01/APHC/ 2019, dt:06.09.2019 and 23.10.2019.

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ORDER

A review meeting was conducted on the issues of Minorities Welfare Department on 29.08.2019, wherein Government have decided to provide Financial Assistance to the Muslims during Haj Pilgrimage on par with the Christians who proceed on pilgrimage to holy land of Jerusalem.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Haj Committee has stated that the issue of financial Assistance to the Muslims during Haj Pilgrimage and stipulated amount of financial assistance being enhanced now by the State Government is only to those pilgrims who cannot fully afford the expenditure. He has also informed that the State Government intends to provide a portion of such amount through contribution as financial assistance.

3. The Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Haj Committee has also informed that the Committee is looking after the arrangements of accommodation and food to Haj Pilgrims at free of cost during Haj Camp from the time of reporting (i.e. before 48 hours of their departure from embarkation point) Haj camp. The Andhra Pradesh Haj Committee is also coordinating with Government of Andhra Pradesh, Central Government, Central Haj Committee and Airways for the purpose of special travelling facilities for pilgrims and also Consulate General of India, Jeddah, Indian Haj Mission, Makkah & Indian Haj Mission Madina etc., and selection of Khadim-ul-Hujjaj (Haj Volunteers) their training and orientation for providing hand holding services to the pilgrims during Haj and also furnished guidelines for provision of financial assistance to the needy Haj pilgrims in addition to the specific clauses from 1 to 28 of existing guidelines of Haj Committee of India.

4. The Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby decided to provide financial assistance to the Haj Pilgrims for other Haj expenses other than travel expenditure. The expenditure shall met from the B.E 2019-20 of Andhra Pradesh Haj Committee for this scheme.

5. The following are the guidelines in addition to the specific clauses from 1 to 28 of existing guidelines of Haj Committee of India:-

1. The intending Haj pilgrims should read the guidelines from clauses 1 to 28 prescribed in the Haj application carefully before its submission online.
2. The intending Haj pilgrim shall submit the prescribed undertakings enclosed in the Haj form mandatorily.
3. The scheme of financial assistance is applicable to the Haj Pilgrims for other Haj expenses other than travel expenditure.
4. Financial criteria for applicability of the scheme is based on the Annual Income of Haj Pilgrim.

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5. Rs.60,000/- will be the financial assistance to be provided by the State Government if income is upto Rs.3.00 lakhs per annum.
6. Rs.30,000/- will be the financial assistance to be provided by the State Government if income is above Rs.3.00 lakhs per annum.
7. The income certificate should be submitted duly issued by the statutory authority i.e concerned Mandal Revenue Officer.
8. The pilgrim shall pay the total expenditure against the category selected to the Haj Committee of India as per the norms.
9. After verification of the documents provided by the head of the cover, the financial assistance shall be released through RTGS to the bank account of the pilgrims subject to the reporting of pilgrims for departure.
10. The financial assistance is onetime benefit.
11. The head of the cover selected by the Haj Committee of India shall apply for the financial assistance to the A.P State Haj Committee enclosing the income certificates of all cover members issued by the concerned statutory authority.
12. The head of the cover shall submit any one of the Aadhar card/Pan card/voter ID along with the copy of Bank pass book, Passport and a photograph of each pilgrim.
13. The pilgrims should fulfil all the requirements and submit the necessary documents specified in the guidelines of Haj application.
14. Any misrepresentation of the facts will attract necessary legal and criminal action as per rules.

6. The Special Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, Tadepalli and the Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter.

7. This orders issued with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O.Note.No.IN01-FMU0PC(WEL-2)/82/2019-FMU-W-II, Computer No.971678, Dt.28.10.2019.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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